have dual fuel facility in the plant. Therefore, shortage of gas may not be the basis of non-completion of any power project.

Purchase of oil and gas from Gulf countries

5070. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any long-term plan to purchase oil and natural gas from Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have entered into such an agreement with any foreign country, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) While the Government have taken numerous initiatives for securing long term supply of LNG and natural gas from Iran, Oman and Qatar, crude oil requirement for Indian refineries are procured through term contracts on a year to year basis from the Middle-East countries at their Official Selling Prices.

(c) Details of term contracts for crude oil proposed to be entered into with the national oil companies of Gulf countries by the Indian public sector oil companies for the year 2002-2003 are as follows:—

(*Fig. in Million Metric Tonnes*)

Country/Company	(Term Volume)
Saudi Arabia	9.7
Kuwait	7.5
Abu Dhabi	3.5
Yeman	2.3

Adulteration testing facilities for the petroleum products

5071. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of testing facilities for detecting adulteration of petroleum products in Gujarat;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has represented for increasing the number of facilities; and

(c) if so, what is the response of the Central Government to the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) There are 9 Testing Laboratories for detecting adulteration of petroleum products in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Government has not received any request from Government of Gujarat for increasing the number of facilities for detecting adulteration of petroleum products in Gujarat.

Establishment of mobile octane testing centre in Gujarat

5072. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested financial assistance for establishment of stationery as well as mobile octane testing centres in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the request has been accepted by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Government has not received any request from Government of Gujarat for financial assistance for establishment of stationery as well as mobile octane testing centres in Gujarat.

Outcome of meeting on emission norms

5073. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to specify any particular fuel or vehicle type to check pollution;

(b) if so, whether they have also decided that it will only lay down vehicular emission norms and matching fuel specifications;

(c) whether this was decided at a meeting convened by him and was attended by the Minister of Law, Justice and Company Affairs and Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has already submitted a comprehensive proposal in this regard to the Cabinet for approval;

(e) if so, whether this has been approved; and